

Group Appears Before Board On Dismissal Of Miss Brown

The recent dismissal of Miss Ruth Brown from her post as librarian was the major point of interest at the regular meeting of the new library board Tuesday night at the Civic Center.

About 30 persons, most of whom were there to find out why Miss Brown had been dismissed so suddenly and whether or not the new library board had been consulted by the board of commissioners when she was dismissed, attended.

Principal spokesmen for the group were Mrs. F. E. Rice, Mrs. Paul Essary and Anthony Andrews.

E. R. CHRISTOPHER, chairman of the board, acknowledged that his group had not been consulted, but pointed out that, under the law, the commissioners did not have to consult the library board.

Another question asked by a member of the audience was why the magazines, *The New Republic* and *The Nation*, were not on the library shelves and on whose orders they were taken off.

THE LIBRARY BOARD answered that the periodicals had been taken off the shelves and were being kept on call at the desk until the board has time to investigate their alleged subversiveness. Christopher said that he had suggested they be kept at the desk.

The board was asked whether it would have any objections to recommending Miss Brown for the librarian position. It was pointed out that would be useless, since the commissioners would have to approve the appointment of the new librarian and they were the ones who had dismissed Miss Brown.

ONE APPLICATION for the librarian job was read from Miss Willa Ingram, of the College of

the Ozarks, Clarksville, Ark. The board approved a motion to take the application under consideration.